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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SAFED AGREEMENT

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1. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRED CHIEN
INFORMED DCM JUNE 8 THAT GROG IS READY TO MEET WITH
EMBASSY AT OUR CONVENIENCE TO DISCUSS SAFED AGREEMENT
AND THAT NOTE TO THAT EFFECT IS ON ITS WAY TO US.
MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED ON ROC SIDE BY WANG
MENG-HSIEN, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, ASSISTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF JCRR AND SAFED
COMMITTEE. DCM REMINDED CHIEN THAT OUR PURPOSE IN
BROACHING THE SAFED ISSUE WAS TO TERMINATE THE
AGREEMENT AND ASKED WHAT GROG HAD IN MIND IN APPOINTING
3-MEMBER DELEGATION. CHIEN REPLIED THAT FIRST
MEETING WOULD NECESSARILY BE BRIEF SINCE GROG SIDE
WOULD HAVE TO MAKE FULL REPORT TO EXECUTIVE YUAN
(PREMIER) AND THAT "SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WOULD BE MORE
LENGTHY".

2. ASSUME FROM THIS THAT GROG WILL MERELY LISTEN TO
WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY AT SAFED MEETING AND PROMISE LATER
RESPONSE AFTER MATTER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY PREMIER.
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OUR THOUGHTS ON NEGOTIATING TACTICS WILL BE SUBJECT OF
SEPTEL. OUR FIRST SUGGESTION, HOWEVER, IS THAT WE BE
AUTHORIZED TO SCHEDULE SAFED MEETING WITHOUT DELAY.
REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING GUIDANCE ON HOW MUCH
FLEXIBILITY WE HAVE ON THE TIMING OF TERMINATION.
THIS IS CRITICAL FACTOR IN ANY CONSIDERATION OF TACTICS.
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